

The background of the page features a large, faint watermark of the American Peony Society logo. The logo is circular and contains a central illustration of a peony flower. The text "AMERICAN PEONY SOCIETY" is written around the top inner edge of the circle, and "Established 1903" is written along the bottom inner edge. Two small red dots are positioned on the left and right sides of the bottom edge.

American Peony Society Peony Reference Garden Program

Criteria:

1. Must be a nonprofit garden located in the US (municipal, private nonprofit, educational institute, etc.) open to the public during peony bloom season. (May later extend to international locations.)
2. A general collection must include at least 80 different cultivars or species of peonies; a themed or specialty (e.g. heirloom lactifloras, woodies, specific hybridizer, APS Award of Landscape Merit, APS Gold Medal) collection could have fewer.
3. Peonies must either be individually labeled (cultivar name at minimum; hybridizer and year encouraged) or a map made available to visitors. Type of label would be consistent with other labeling in the garden; ideally, labels would have QR codes linking to the APS Registry.
4. The garden must have a liaison (staff or volunteer) who is knowledgeable about peonies so that proper identification and cultural practices are employed.
5. The garden must agree to display APS brochures in its visitor center or kiosk and an APS Peony Reference Garden plaque in the garden.
6. The garden must provide a brief report to APS every five years on the status of the collection.

Benefits to the garden:

1. Institutional membership in APS free of charge.
2. A listing on the APS website.
3. An APS member liaison for each garden (could be a staff member through the institutional membership).
4. A bronze plaque for the garden provided by APS